

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4923–S4956*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2156–2193, and S. Res. 278–279. **Pages S4947–48**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “The 2019 Joint Economic Report”. (S. Rept. No. 116–58)

S. 727, to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4946**

**Measures Passed:**

**One Small Step to Protect Human Heritage in Space Act:** Senate passed S. 1694, to require any Federal agency that issues licenses to conduct lunar activities to include in the requirements for such licenses an agreement relating to the preservation and protection of the Apollo 11 landing site, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, the committee-reported title amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4933–36**

Peters/Cruz Amendment No. 927, to modify the sense of Congress with respect to collaboration with other countries. **Page S4934**

**50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 19, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4955**

**Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on or before Wednesday, July 24, 2019, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1327, to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2092, and that the only amend-

ments in order be Lee Amendment No. 928, and Paul Amendment No. 929, to be offered, and that there be up to two hours of concurrent debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or designees, and Senate then vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed, with no second-degree amendments in order prior to the votes, and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote, and that each amendment be subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold; and that upon disposition of the amendments, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, all with no intervening action or debate and notwithstanding Rule XXII. **Pages S4937–38**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, Senate begin consideration of the bill, as under the previous order; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 12 noon, if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense, all post-cloture time be considered expired; and that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Senate continue consideration of the bill with all debate time considered expired at 2:30 p.m. **Page S4941**

**Esper Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense. **Page S4936**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 18, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 22, 2019. **Page S4936**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to nominations reported out of the Committee on Armed Services on Thursday, July 18, 2019. **Page S4936**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4936**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4936**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 22, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, July 18, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 22, 2019. **Page S4955**

**Dickson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S4936**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense. **Pages S4936–37**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4936**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4936**

**Berger Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S4937**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S4937**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4937**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4937**

**Buescher Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. **Page S4937**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S4937**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4937**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4937**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 216), Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Pages S4925–31**

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 217), Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia. **Page S4931**

By 66 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 218), Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica. **Pages S4931–33, S4936**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—218) **Pages S4331, S4936**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:09 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4955.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### 2018 FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine agricultural research and 2018 farm bill implementation, after receiving testimony from Scott Hutchins, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.